

## Family Note No. 18 (25<sup>th</sup> March 2010)

Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

- 1. Confirmation Ceremony:** Congratulations and well done to all pupils who were confirmed yesterday by Arch-Bishop Coveney, assisted by the parish clergy. A beautiful day complimented the great work of pupils, staff and parents in preparation for this very special Ceremony. Many thanks to the volunteers from the Parents and Friends' Association who organised and supervised the post-Confirmation refreshments in the hall and in the two classrooms. Thanks also to those generous parents who send in food items: very much appreciated. Staff, pupils and parents working together in a spirit of partnership and support meant that Confirmation Day was once again an occasion to celebrate and to enjoy. *Maith sibh uilig.*
- 2. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:** As you are aware Scoil Barra is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year (1985-2010). One of the ways we have chosen to do just that is to publish a commemorative 100-page colour book to mark the 25th Anniversary celebrations. We feel it is important to look back and reflect on the school's journey over the past 25 years and indeed to celebrate the many milestones achieved along the way. We wish to acknowledge the achievements and successes of both our present and past pupils and staff members and their immense contribution to the story that is Scoil Barra. The book entitled "Scoil Barra –A Coming of Age" is presently a work in progress but will be officially launched by The Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Batt O' Keeffe T.D. in late May. The book is a narrative and photographic celebration of the first 25 years with many golden moments captured for posterity. It's coming your way soon and it's a must for your book collection!
- 3. School Tracksuit:** As you may be aware the material for our present school tracksuit is no longer available. This has necessitated a change of tracksuit for the coming school year. We have also taken this opportunity to change the colour of the school polo shirt to a light blue. Mick Murphy's shop will have the 'new' tracksuits/polo shirts available for sale at the 'Uniform Night' which will take place again this year in late June. They have a limited number of our present tracksuits for sale in sizes 4/5, 6/7, 7/8, and also in Small, Medium and Large Adult sizes, and all sizes are available in the current polo shirt. Both 'old' and 'new' tracksuits will be acceptable for the school years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.
- 4. Staff Meeting:** A Staff Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. All pupils will finish school at 12 noon on that day.
- 5. Easter Holidays:** Pupils will finish school tomorrow Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon for the Easter Break. Please ensure your child(ren) is/are collected promptly. School re-opens on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 a.m.

*Wishing you all a Happy, Holy and Enjoyable Easter.*

**Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.**

